

PRESENT EVENTS

CHOYNSKI THE FAVORITE

In the Twenty-Round Contest To-night with Jim Hall.

Evenly Matched, a Grand Struggle Is Anticipated Between the Australian and the Californian.

MUCH INTEREST IS MANIFESTED.

Lovers of Pugilism Contend That Boxing Properly Conducted Is Still Popular in the Metropolis—Hall to Arrive from Pittsburgh This Morning.

That boxing when properly conducted is a popular sport is clearly demonstrated by the keen interest that is being shown in the twenty-round contest which is to be decided to-night before the Empire Club between Australian Jim Hall and Joe Choyinski, of San Francisco, the recognized Western heavy-weight champion.

Never have two men been more evenly matched than are Hall and Choyinski, and as both are said to be in the pink of condition, it is to be expected that the contest will be one of the greatest of the season. Choyinski is anticipated by the large number of New Yorkers who are lovers of the game and followers of great events.

Choyinski has been in New York for a week, and has been working under one of the best ring doctors and preparatory trainers that the pugilistic world has ever seen. The Californian has been carefully examined and his work keenly noted by some of the most expert judges of boxing in the metropolis, who have unhesitatingly pronounced his condition perfect and his science marvellous. All who have known Choyinski and previously seen him box say that he has greatly improved. This has caused him to be made the favorite, and a large amount of New York money is ready to be placed upon his chances.

Not a few old-time ring followers in New York refused to believe that Choyinski's great showing will be sufficient to outweigh that of Jim Hall, who is to arrive this morning from his training quarters near Pittsburgh. While Hall has not

his appearance will surprise even his most ardent friends and admirers. A telegram to Al Smith from Connolly, Hall's manager and backer, says that Hall could not possibly be in better trim. Letters from the San Francisco which go into detail, say that Hall has worked consistently from the time the match was made. It is stated that Choyinski's admirers will be bet to a standstill.

All those facts go to show that when the fight is called to order, the men will meet in the ring upon more equal terms than ever before have two pugilists contested.

The question, however, that is bothering the public mind is, who will win? While the betting shows that the force of money is equal, the opinion of the pugilistic individual opinion is also equally divided. Choyinski is undoubtedly largely the public favorite. This is due to many reasons, chief among which is his form and his great personal popularity.

Hall is picked as the winner by what are called the "insiders." Not a few pugilists, as well as their trainers and handlers, think that the Australian will easily defeat the man from California. It is said that Hall's advantage in height and reach, coupled with his undoubted cleverness, will win him the decision after eight or ten rounds.

The Californian, however, is recognized as the man to the core, and capable of taking the most unflinching punishment. Hall's cleverness is clearly offset by Choyinski's hitting powers, so that if the Californian is as much improved as he is said to be, he should have Hall on equal terms. Nothing is said of Hall having gained in cleverness. Probably he has some extent, but it is the opinion of those who know him that Choyinski is fifty per cent more clever than he was two years ago in correct.

The first announcement of the fight was made by the decision to hold it. What the sporting public call "public form" in the cases of Hall and Choyinski indicate that the Californian is the favorite. In comparing their battles it is seen that Hall has been defeated four times and by two men that Choyinski has fought with. Choyinski has been defeated by only two men—Corbett and Joe Goddard.

Fitzsimmons whipped Hall to four rounds, while the best he could do with Choyinski was a draw in five rounds. Dan Goddard, with whom Choyinski has fought a six-round draw, put Hall out in eight rounds, and Owen Sullivan defeated Hall in eleven rounds, and was in turn easily whipped in two rounds by Choyinski. Bob Ferguson was defeated by both Hall and Choyinski, yet it took Hall two more rounds to do the work than it did Choyinski. Hall has never met Corbett and Goddard, the only two pugilists who have defeated him.

Upon the result of to-night's contest much will depend. Hall says that if defeated he will withdraw from pugilism, while Choyinski, if victorious, declares his intention of forcing Corbett into another battle. Hall will be seconded by Sam Fitzpatrick, one of the shrewdest handlers of pugilists in the country. Choyinski has not as yet announced his second, but more than likely Tom O'Rourke will officiate in the Californian's corner.

J. J. BURKE WILL BE ON HAND.

Denies the Report That He Has Retired from Eastern Race Tracks.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 19.—Judge Joseph J. Burke was seen to-day concerning the report that he had retired permanently from Eastern tracks, and replied:

"I have not retired permanently from the Eastern tracks. I came here last October, and my engagement with the California Jockey Club lasts until next June. At that time I shall go East to see the business which I have followed there for years. I have acted as steward for the Coney Island Jockey Club, the Brooklyn Jockey Club and Brighton and Coney Island.

"The duties of steward are different from those of the judge. The judge places the horses, while the steward attends to the disciplinary work and looks out for foul riding. I have formally applied for the position I held last year, and if I secure as good a place as I then had I shall, of course, accept it. Cinnamon and other places are now negotiating for my services, but my home for twenty years has been in Brooklyn. I would much prefer to serve the clubs there."

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YALE MAY GO TO HENLEY

In the Event of Their Not Rowing in the Intercollegiate Race.

Captain Treadway Gives Out Hints That May Mean a Trip Across the Ocean.

BUT BOB COOK IS TO DECIDE.

The English Amateur Regatta on the Thames Commences on July 7 and Continues Over the Two Succeeding Days.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 19.—A story is current here that should Yale not enter the five-cornered inter-collegiate contest she may decide to enter the Henley regatta, which opens on July 7. This regatta, which is the most important of the year's rowing, has been the subject of the regatta committee's remarks to the candidates for this year's crew. He said: "As yet we do not know what Yale will have to do for a race this year. Therefore I want special attention to quickness in practice row. We may use our usual accustomed long stroke or a may adopt a short, snappy stroke. I want you to be prepared to row either equally well when you leave the tank for open water rowing in the Spring."

This gives the inference that Yale will be ready to row in the Henley, over a two mile course. Within a week Yale will find a place somewhere to enter her crew. Bob Cook's non-arrival yesterday was disappointing to the naval management. Captain Treadway expected that the veteran oarsman and coach would make his appearance at the Yale gymnasium during the early practice of the eight, but no signs of him were seen, and the crew was dismissed after its usual work. Mr. Cook may come on Monday. He is expected, as the Yale management realize, that the question of a race this year must be settled at once and Mr. Cook's presence is necessary before the verdict is agreed upon.

It is thought that George Ade, of New York, will also be here Monday, and that the training for the candidates the past week has consisted of the regulation run, which has been lengthened out to three miles. The exercises on the gymnasium floor have been slightly increased, and the rowing in the tank has grown harder. The Yale men are a very average lot, but they are especially heavy or light, and the exhibition in the tank is encouraging. There is some good material in the boat.

IN HARRY WRIGHT'S MEMORY.

April 13 is the Day to Be Set Apart for Contributions to His Monument.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 19.—The committee appointed by the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs to designate and arrange for the monument to be known as the baseball world as the Harry Wright Day, have made the following announcement:

"Greeting—At a meeting of the National League and American Association of Professional Baseball Clubs, held in New York November 19, 1895, it was resolved to set apart one day prior to the opening of the championship season of 1896, which was known as the Harry Wright Day, on which each club should be required to play a game of ball, the gross receipts from such game to be devoted to the erection of a monument in memory of one who served in the ranks of the ball clubs operating under the national agreement and whose integrity and worth, he invited to cooperate with the major body in this grand project, the committee to the effect of arrange details and carry into effect the provisions of the resolution made Monday, April 13, 1896, to be followed by the Wright Day, and invites all clubs desiring to participate in this commemorative to communicate with the chairman of the committee, who will promptly furnish data for the guidance of those engaged in the interest of the project."

JOHN T. BRUSH, Chairman.
JAMES A. HART,
JOHN L. ROGERS.

GOLFERS MAKE NEW RULES.

Annual Meeting of the U. S. Association at an Early Date.

The growth of golf in this country has been so extensive during the past year that the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association, and the necessity of making some radical changes in the constitution in order to meet the necessary requirements. The advancement in this ancient sport far exceeded their most sanguine expectations, and it will require an entire change from the original plan of the national body.

As the annual meeting is to be held in the early part of next month, the Executive Committee has prepared several amendments to the constitution, which it will submit, and there is scarcely a doubt but that they will be adopted unanimously.

The important amendment to be Article II.—Object, which reads as follows: "The object of this association shall be to promote the game of golf, to protect the interests of the mutual interests of its members to establish and enforce uniformity in the laws of the game by creating a representative authority. Its Executive Committee to be a court of reference as a dual authority in matters of controversy; to establish a uniform system of handicaps; to decide what links the amateur, open and women's championships, shall be played. The important amendment to be Article III.—The recognition of the women's championships.

A more liberal view is taken in regard to the women's championship, which is proposed amendment to Article IV, which is as follows: "Other clubs eligible to be admitted to membership in the association in the game of golf; shall be any club in an accessible part of the United States, where the links, accommodations, constitution and by-laws of the club are such as to make it representative and such clubs may be admitted on a four-fifths vote of the Executive Committee of the association. This is an improvement, as on the other side of the water the amateur championships are under the exclusive control of a close corporation, consisting of three Scotch and two English clubs.

Handball at Wood's Gymnasium.

The first series of the handball tournament at Wood's Gymnasium was brought to a close yesterday morning. James W. Laird won from Harry Hayward, 21 to 21; W. O. Ingels defeated Harry Brill, 21 to 21; this week the winners of the first series will play in pairs for first prize. Interest in the tournament increases as the best players come together.

STARK NOT YET DEFEATED.

Poggenburg His Most Dangerous Opponent—Keeney and Gardner Well Up.

The Leaders Are Playing Good Billiards—A Single Defeat May Alter the Result.

STANDING OF THE CONTESTANTS.

Barnard, Jennings, Miller and Ranney Have No Chance for the Trophy, Having Been Hopelessly Beaten Off Saturday's Late Game.

Now that the players in the inter-club tournament at Maurice Daly's Broadway Academy are playing good billiards, the games to the finish will be exciting and of absorbing interest. J. B. Stark, who won last year's tournament, is in the lead, but Poggenburg, Keeney and Gardner are prominent factors in the contest and a single defeat may lose Stark the trophy.

Gardner's showing in the first of the evening games on Saturday was an excellent exhibition, and if he plays equally well in his remaining games he will be close up at the finish. Neither Barnard, Jennings, Dr. Miller nor Dr. Ranney has a chance for first prize. Dr. Ranney being especially unfortunate.

Two of the Brooklyn entries met in the second game on Saturday night. They

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GREENWICH RECONSIDER.

Murphy's Attorney Secures a Hearing Before the L. A. W. Racing Board.

There Is Much Speculation as to Who Will Be President of the National Cycle Board of Trade.

COLEMAN SEEMS TO HAVE THE CALL.

Gormully May Retire on Account of ill Health—Editor Barrett Talks on the Merits of Class B and the Racing Problem.

Chairman George D. Gideon, of the L. A. W. Racing Board, has agreed to reconsider the suspension case of Murphy, Titus and Cabanne. It was learned yesterday from an authoritative source that Charles H. Luscomb, who has charge of Murphy's interests, visited Philadelphia on Saturday, and had a long conference with Mr. Gideon, the result being that the Racing Board will within the next ten days listen to the revised defence of the men. It is understood that Chairman Gideon does not want the affair aired in the assembly, and Mr. Luscomb, representing Murphy, is of the same opinion.

From present indications it looks as though Mr. Luscomb will endeavor only to prove Murphy's innocence, and the other two will have to look out for themselves. Titus has made several statements that are at variance, but Cabanne has insisted all along that he knew nothing whatever about any arrangement. It is said that Mr. Luscomb has secured evidence which will kill the testimony of the Kansas City Star reporter, whose statement figured largely in the conviction.

PRESIDENTIALITY OF THIS CYCLE BOARD.

Yesterday the manufacturers and agents in attendance at the cycle show now in progress at Madison Square Garden lounged about the hotels, talked about the wonderful success of the New York exhibition and discussed the chances of the several candidates for the presidency of the National Cycle Board of Trade. To-day the Executive Committee of the Board will meet at noon at the Garden, to-morrow the directors will convene, Wednesday the stockholders will have their session.

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Representative Graziana Has a Strong Following, and Grave Doubts Are Expressed That Kentucky Will Have a Percy-Gray Law.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 19.—Turfmen here are greatly alarmed over the probability of adverse legislation in the racing interests. The Court of Appeals has just rendered a decision sustaining the Covington Court, which fined and imprisoned pool-room operators, the which decision will doubtless close the twenty-odd rooms in the State. The anti-betting bill introduced in the Kentucky Legislature by Representative Graziana will come up for its second reading this week, and turfmen are preparing to fight it.

Several gentlemen have been to Frankfort, and report that there is danger ahead. Representative Graziana is a substantial church member of Covington, and a man of influence and ability. So far as that part of his bill affecting pool rooms is concerned, the decision of the Court of Appeals settles it, and it is believed that he and his friends will now fight the harder to make the law a sweeping one, prohibiting betting on the race tracks during the progress of the race meetings.

This, it is believed by prominent turfmen here, will entirely paralyze the breeding industry of this State, and will bring about the assignment of many racing men in this community. There are a number of millionaires who are engaged in the breeding of horses, and others, living in the East, who conduct large breeding establishments in this State.

Meeting here to-night between several prominent horsemen, including Colonel W. S. Barnes, R. T. Holloway, Nelson Young, J. C. Tracy, P. J. Johnston, T. J. Carson and others, it was decided to work to go to work at once to prevent the proposed anti-betting bill becoming a law.

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